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Quick Look

Wrestling comes to campus

A professional wrestling circuit is scheduled stop at Northwest Feb. 18 in Bearcat Arena.

The event, produced by Dog Pound Productions of St. Joseph, will have five matches and the featured wrestler will be former Northwest student Jason Fuller, also known as "Big Daddy Fulls."

In addition, the event will feature matches between two midgets and two women.

The event is being held to raise funds for the Northwest athletic department. The cost of the event has not yet been determined but students will be unable to purchase tickets on their Bearcat cards.

"There are a number of students interested in wrestling, so we thought we would try it," athletic director Jim Redd said. "We thought it would be a fun activity and wrestlemania is sweeping the country and the Northwest campus right now."

Semi to slow down traffic

This week traffic will be slow on U.S. Highway 71 because a 200-foot-long truck will make its way to Conception Junction in order load turbines.

The truck's tentative schedule is as follows: Route N to Hickory, midnight to 6 a.m. today; Hickory to business 71, 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday; business 71 to Route N, 10 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Route N to Hickory, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.; Hickory to Route N, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday.

The 17-foot wide truck can go up to 50 mph, however it will average about 10 mph on each trip.

Fight leads to injury, charges

A man was assaulted on the evening of Jan. 29 at the World Famous Outback. The victim was Northwest student Spurgeon Jay Williams. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital, treated for injuries sustained to the head and later released.

Dustin Laun, 22, was issued a summons at 11:50 a.m. Monday charging him with third-degree assault. He was later released on a \$220 bond and has a Municipal court date set on Feb. 16.

Look in future issues of the *Missourian* for articles on bar safety.

Choir to perform tonight

The Georgia Mass Choir will fill the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center with the sound of their voices tonight at 7:30.

Tickets are still available for tonight's event. They can be purchased at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building. Orchestra seats are \$8, and balcony seats cost \$6.

The founder and director of the choir, Milton Biggman, was a consultant for the film "The Preacher's Wife," which starred Whitney Houston.

He is also the director of the choir's record label, Savoy Records.

Biggman spends most of his time with the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., but travels with the Georgia Mass Choir during its larger tours.

"The Preacher's Wife" was the choir's first performance. It has produced nine records, one of which was a "greatest hits" album.

The choir has toured across the United States and performed at events like the Heritage Bowl, "Saturday Night Live" and "Good Morning America."

The choir has been nominated for both a Stellar and Grammy award.

The choir's soundtrack for "The Preacher's Wife" reached No. 1 on the "Billboard" magazine gospel chart list.

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Mike Ransdell/Photography Editor



University President Dean Hubbard addresses local media following a bomb threat called in to Roberta Hall Friday afternoon. Three residence halls and two academic buildings were evacuated. On Tuesday, David C. Sharp, Kansas City, was arrested for the prank. He faces up to five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine for the class D felony.

Prank jeopardizes students' safety

False bomb threat leads to search, forces campus evacuations

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

Northwest administrators and area law enforcement agencies were caught with their guard down last week when an anonymous male called to inform Roberta Hall's front desk worker of a bomb in the building.

The suspect, David C. Sharp, 20, Kansas City, was arrested Tuesday night and released shortly after posting bond. His attorney was present at the time of his arrest.

The threat was called in shortly after 3 p.m. Friday and Campus Safety was immediately informed. All buildings within 1,000 feet of Roberta Hall were evacuated, including Perrin and Hudson residence halls, Wells Hall and Valk Agriculture Professional Center.

Campus Safety, Public Safety, the Nodaway County Sheriff's department and a number of Northwest employees worked to make sure the process ran smoothly, said Clarence Green, Campus Safety director.

Campus Safety requested a bomb-sniffing dog from low, to make sure, if there was a bomb, it would be found.

Ken White, director of communications and marketing, said the safety of the students was first priority when assessing the situation.

"Even if something like this is just a joke, it is still something you want to check out," White said.

Sharp called Campus Safety at about 4 p.m. to confess to his actions and claimed that the phone call was a practical joke.

However, Green said these situations are never considered "jokes" and are approached with the utmost caution.

"Ever since the Oklahoma bombing, things have really turned up and folks who are [prosecuting] are seeking the maximum penalty necessary to try and get them convicted even if they are calling them just as a joke," Green said.

After the building was cleared and searched, students were allowed to return around 5:50 p.m.

Sharp is a friend of Christy Collings, the Roberta Hall desk worker who answered the phone, Green said. Sharp also has a brother, George, who attends Northwest and declined to comment.

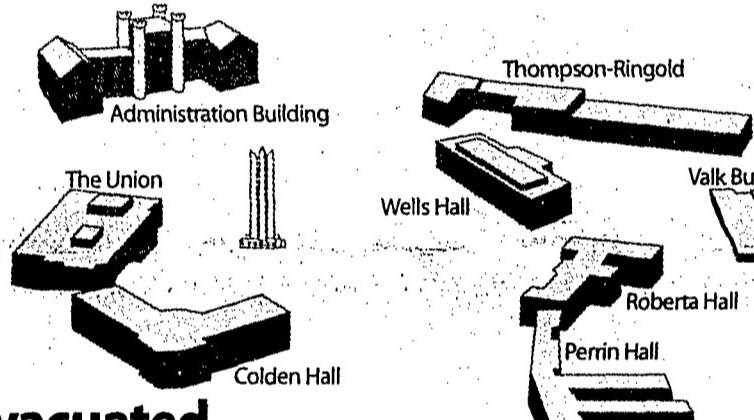
Sharp's intentions may have been to play a practical joke, but the strictest of penalties should be applied to ensure that this does not happen again, Green said.

"What stops a bomb threat ... is a good quick effort of everybody coming together and finding out who did it, and then changing them with the maximum sentence," Green said. "That kind of eliminates all of the jokers."

David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, said this crime is a class D felony and is accompanied by penalties of up to five years in jail and \$5,000 in fines.

Kent Porterfield, director of student affairs, said he appreciated the cooperation of the students and thinks the situation was handled in an organized and mature manner.

"From what I hear, our students cooperated well too, and that is always important. We certainly appreciate having students like that," Porterfield said.



Evacuated

Following a phoned in bomb threat to Roberta Hall front desk worker Christy Collings at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Campus Safety, Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department evacuated Roberta, Perrin and Hudson residence halls, Wells Hall and Valk Agriculture Professional Center. David C. Sharp, Kansas City, later called Campus Safety to say the threat was a prank. Sharp was arrested Tuesday night.

Erica Smith/Design Director

Time bomb

- Call comes in to Roberta Hall front desk 3:15 p.m.
- Campus Safety arrives 3:30 p.m.
- Roberta, Perrin and Hudson residence halls evacuated 3:35 p.m.
- Public Safety and Nodaway County Sheriff's Department arrive 3:40 p.m.
- David C. Sharp, Kansas City, calls to confess to the bomb threat 4:15 p.m.
- Wells Hall and Valk Agriculture Professional Center evacuated 4:30 p.m.
- Area authorities complete search for bomb 5:05 p.m.
- Bomb-sniffing dog brought in from Iowa 5:50 p.m.
- Bomb unfounded, students allowed to return to halls 6:05 p.m.

Erica Smith/Design Director

High school celebrates Homecoming

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

There has been a full deck of activities this week for the Maryville High School students who are "shuffling the cards" during Homecoming.

Homecoming week is wrapping up its festivities with the exception of the girls' basketball team, which will play host to the St. Joseph Benton Lady Cardinals. The king and queen will be announced at halftime of the girls' basketball game Friday night; the Homecoming dance is Saturday.

The week featured dress-up days, such as bed-head day, hillbilly day and favorite wrestler day. Today students dressed as the opposite sex and Friday is green, white and gold day.

The dress-up days were altered during this Homecoming, because there has not been total participation by students in past years, senior Adam Otte, Student Senate president, said. However, participation has increased this year.

"Opposite gender was one of the days we changed, because in the past, it was dress like your boyfriend or girlfriend day and not everybody had one," Otte said. "So, we made it easier on students."

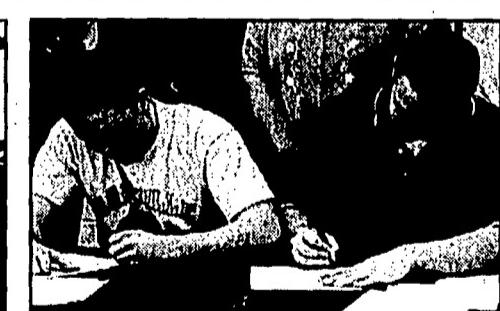
There will also be a pep assembly Friday including different games and cheers for the athletic teams.

Senior queen candidate Kylie Riggs said the dress-up days are fun, but the real excitement for her is the pep assembly.

"The pep assembly is a fun time, because everybody gets out of class and does different things," Riggs said.

The nominees for king and queen are seniors Erin Heflin, Kerri Lohfaher, Hern McIntosh, Kelli Pierson, Kim Reidinger, Riggs, Dallas Archer, Justin Dredge, Nick Glasnapp, Ryan Morley and Otte.

Before Friday's game there will be a chili supper in the high school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.



Mark Hornickel/Sports Editor

Seniors Adam Otte and Mike Nanninga signed letters of intent Wednesday to play football at Northwest in the fall. Three other Spoofhound players will walk on.

Local seniors sign football letters of intent

Five Maryville seniors committed on Wednesday to play football at Northwest next year.

Linebacker Mike Nanninga and receiver Adam Otte signed letters of intent, while quarterback Nick Glasnapp, defensive end Russ Wiederholt and linebacker John Edmonds will walk-on.

Each of the boys played a key role in helping the Spoofhounds to a Midland Empire Conference Championship last fall and head coach Chuck Litteras expressed great pride in their accomplishments.

"Our kids have played a significant role in the University's success in many different regards," Litteras said. "They work hard. They have great heart and they're very good student athletes. We are extremely proud of them at Maryville R-II High School and, personally, I am very proud of them."

Heidi Baumgartner and Natasha Collins dress as hillbillies as part of Homecoming week at Maryville High School. Homecoming royalty will be announced at halftime of the basketball game Friday night.

OUR VIEW

One more test

Assessment examination is not accurate measure of success

Can you imagine taking yet another exam so you can graduate?

Northwest may be taking steps in that direction.

Similar testing began at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Missouri-Rolla campuses in the 1994-95 academic year. Recently, the University of Missouri-Columbia also announced it will begin requiring seniors to take a standardized assessment before graduating effective this semester.

Although taking the test is mandatory, it will not affect a student's chances of graduating and it will not affect a student's academic standing.

So, can the testing be accurate if students know they will gain nothing by scoring well on the test? The answer is probably not. There is very little incentive, if any at all. Nor is it a requirement that students receive a high score. *The Kansas City Star* reported one MU professor called the testing "a fallacious design" because the tests do not accurately measure a university's effectiveness.

MU officials made the decision to use the test based on encouragement from the Funding For Results program, which is an assessment group formed by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

For each student who takes the test, FFR will give MU \$100. For students who score above 50 percent on the exam, the University will receive \$500.

Truman State University, which also has an in-depth assessment program, received an 11 percent funding increase last year. Truman president Jack Magruder believes the assessment is a part of the University's mission of higher education and it is a vital part of the University's culture.

In the meantime, for MU seniors who graduate this spring, the test has arrived with little warning and many students believe they should not be forced to take the exam if it will have no bearing on their graduation.

If the University is trying to assess the quality of its students, it cannot be done with a test which students will have no desire of doing well on.

In the end, what value does the test hold? For the students: nothing. For the University: money.

MY VIEW

Super Bowl does not live up to expectations

■ Mike Ransdell

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I have a question for all of you avid football fans out there.

Was this year's Super Bowl just about the most boring EVER?

I mean seriously, the game sucked. The commercials were a waste of our time and their money, except, of course, for the creative people at Budweiser.

It just seemed to me that no one was into it. It wasn't because of the way Denver controlled the game, it was something else. Maybe it was the teams in the Super Bowl.

Let's analyze this, starting with the Atlanta Falcons. This team from the start was counted out, and rightfully so. Obviously, they were not the best team to represent the NFC.

Face it, Atlanta, the only thing that kept this team interesting was the big mouth of Ray Buchanan and the overactive libido of Eugene Robinson.

And while we're on the subject of Mr. Robinson, did anyone catch the interview after the game? I've never seen anyone squirm so much since Clinton was asked about his prostitute...uh, I mean his "intern."

Robinson said there is a difference between innocent and righteous. He just wasn't righteous. That's the biggest load of crap I've ever heard. He paid \$40 to an undercover police officer for oral sex. He's not innocent or

righteous. He's guilty, book him, Dan-o.

I'm sure some of you are asking yourselves why am I tripping on a team that I praised last week. Well last week I lied. We couldn't find a Falcon's fan to write good things about them so I whipped something up. Sorry, Falcon fans.

Enough about the trials and tribulations of the Atlanta Falcons. Let's focus on our world champions, the Denver Broncos. I don't think anyone outside of breathing distance of the Rocky Mountain air cares whether or not John Elway retires or plays another 10 years.

The Broncos can win without John Elway. Bubby Brister proved that this year. Well, kinda. I'm not just saying that because I'm a Chiefs fan and I'm tired of him beating us. Well, yeah, I am.

Last but not least, maybe most important to the demise of Super Bowl XXXIII: the commentary.

I will be the first to admit John Madden may very well be the most knowledgeable football commentator on the air. But did I catch something between John Elway's greatness and Chris Chandler's leadership about a bologna sandwich?

What was the guy smoking before the game? Did he make a deal with Budweiser for them to provide the beverages in the press hospitality room? Oh well, ya gotta love the guy.

Even though the Super Bowl was not the most exciting this year, we will all tune in again next year to see Elway go for three in a row against the powerhouse that is the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIV. Yep, you heard it here first folks, the excitement never ends!

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■ Burton Taylor

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Friday's incident causes hassles, loss of money

Silly jokes, fun and games and no consequences are how one person felt about making a telephone call that ended in a lot of hassle for students, faculty and Campus Safety, Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

Last Friday I was just about to go to the bank to get money for my extra curricular activities of the weekend when I received notice that Roberta Hall had been evacuated because of a bomb threat.

I am not going to go into details about how three hours were wasted hastily trying to find a bomb because it ended up that there wasn't one — big surprise.

The funny thing about the whole ordeal is that the vandal, not a Northwest student, but a friend of a student, called from Kansas City to confess and apologize for his actions.

Boy, if I threatened a state institution with a bomb and was joking about it, the first thing I would do is confess. Ha!

Call me what you will, but if I were in this kid's shoes I would try and avoid any jail time I could. All of you who feel sympathetic for this guy, I'm sorry but an apology is not going to even the score in the eyes of the prosecuting attorney.

This guy will fry. He may be rich enough to hire the best lawyer in the business, which could get him off of the hook. However, I feel this is not going to

be the case.

In my opinion his future began to dim the minute the desk clerk at Roberta freaked out when she heard the punch line of his hilarious "joke."

It will be interesting to find out what comes of this. I look forward to covering the case or at least hearing from the community news editor what happens to Northwest's newest comedy act.

One thing really struck my funny bone after I sat and thought about the incident in relation to other Northwest crime though. It seems as though maybe our University is moving toward a not-so-safe university after all. Or at least maybe that's where the students are wanting it to evolve.

We have had two accused murderers, several physical and sexual assaults, violations of First Amendment rights, a few drug and alcohol violations, many thefts and now a bomb threat.

Do you still think of Northwest as one of the safer schools in the nation?

I don't, but, hey, it's news so I'm not going to complain.

Oh yeah, I missed out on the trip to the bank because it was closed by the time I was finished looking into the bomb threat. I guess I will thank Timothy McVeigh Jr. for leaving me without funding for my weekend.

Burton Taylor is the university news editor for The Northwest Missourian.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mascot change pleases student

Dear Editor,

While watching television on Saturday afternoon, I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw on the CBS telecast of a college basketball game.

St. John's University has switched from an Indian mascot, Redmen, to become the Red Storm.

I congratulate St. John's for ending their use of a minority group as a mascot, and hope that all schools in the Midwest will also soon end their use of Indian mascots.

David Whitlock,
History graduate student

Basketball needs Bearcat spirit, too

Dear Editor,

Bearcat pride. It's something we've all heard, something we all know and something we all think we have.

Well, I would like to know if I have been sitting in the wrong arena for the last 17 basketball games or if "Bearcat Pride" is a seasonal term.

I'm relatively new here, but pride to me is sticking with your team, supporting your school and, for heaven's sake, going to the games. It's cheering when your team runs onto the floor. It's standing and clapping when your starters are announced. It's getting to your feet because your team

just cashed a three-pointer. The only kind of movement I've seen at the games is standing at half-time because the bleachers are so uncomfortable.

What kind of pride is it when your fans only support one sport? Is that Bearcat pride? Is that the kind we have at this school, because, remember, I'm new here, so I don't know how it works.

Someone better let me know that cheering for the team doesn't occur in the student section of Bearcat Arena. Heck, someone has yet to tell me even where the student section is!

Someone better tell the basketball team, too, because they have a whole lot of Bearcat pride. They live, eat, study and sleep Bearcat basketball, and for what? Pride. Their pride, Bearcat pride and your pride. They go out there each night, proud to be a Bearcat, and, more than anything these days, play their hearts out not just to win, but for the fans in the stands to get up and holler. They would probably even settle for someone just clapping at this point.

Again, I'm new here. Maybe the basketball team is different from the football team and they don't want fans. Maybe they just work really hard all year long watching and cheering each other on, just to be the only ones who do that during the games, too.

Like I've been saying, I'm new here, but one of the

qualities that brought me here was that Bearcat pride. Someone must have misinformed me that Bearcat pride was pride for our entire school. They told me it was different from any other. They told me I'd see it every day.

Well, where on earth is it, and where on earth was it Wednesday night against Mo. West [Missouri Western State College]? It was all over the court and on the bench. The one place you'd expect to find it every second of the day, and no doubt on game day, but especially against Mo. West, it was not. The students had no pride that day; they haven't had any pride all season.

I've stood and yelled and jumped up and down amongst those sitting students, the same ones that I stood and yelled and jumped up and down with during the football season. I see no pride in them today. I certainly hope they don't wait around until next September to get it back.

I imagine that the basketball team will go into each game with that same pride that they had last fall, and I imagine that they'd like us to join them.

If we don't start displaying our Bearcat pride at the basketball games, then that infamous two word phrase means nothing of what I was ever told it did.

Jennifer Remsburg,
Northwest student



"If it's not WWF or WCW, the crowd is not going to show up."

Jason Waldman,
marketing and business management major

"Personally, I am not a wrestling fan so I don't care if they come or not."

Monica Frost,
broadcasting major

"If it's not WWF or WCW, the crowd is not going to show up."

Jason Waldman,
marketing and business management major

"Personally, I really don't care. I think people will show up to support the program like they would for football or basketball."

Kara McAfee,
elementary education major

"I don't think the wrestling will last since there won't be a big following."

Mark Wels,
physical education major



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Speaker encourages equality

by Heather Butler
Features Editor

A lecture encouraging minority students to stand up for equal rights initiated motivation for campus unification.

Julia Hare, national director of the Black Think Tank, visited Northwest Wednesday to encourage students to make a difference on campus.

She urged students to educate themselves to challenge professors and administrators to make this University multicultural in every sense of the word.

Hare suggested students get involved with the selection processes of hiring multicultural staff. She said if students would educate themselves before approaching the administration and then ask to become involved, there is no way students would be turned down. She said getting involved would make a difference.

"If you remain neutral then you are a part of the problem," she said.

According to Hare, only a small number of people are needed to make an impact that can affect an entire community or campus.

"There have been significant minority members who have

made a difference," Hare said. "You don't need a lot of people to get involved."

Hare suggested students take a friend and sit at a table of students who are different or those who do not seem approachable and see if it makes a difference.

"At first they may not talk to you," Hare said. "But if you keep putting out the effort then eventually they will come around."

Hare advised students to stop assuming what peoples' reactions will be to situations. She said some will try to stop change, while other people help make the difference.

The students and faculty who attended Hare's lecture were inspired to make a difference, Bryan Vanosdale, director of student affairs said.

"I thought she was an incredible speaker," Vanosdale said. "If we can accomplish this at Northwest then it can be accomplished in other parts of the world."

Vanosdale said she gave hope to the concept of diversity can be obtained.

After attending the lecture many students consisting of different races vowed to unite together to create a campus that is unified in harmony and understanding of differences.



Julia Hare, speaks to Northwest students on making an impact on campus and in the community. Hare is the national director of the Black Think Tank, an organization dedicated to the promotion of African American advancement.

Mike Ransdell / Photography Editor

Principal represents statewide educators

by Stephanie Clarkin
Chief Reporter

The Horace Mann principal's trip to Jefferson City resulted in a proclamation in honor of principals across the state.

Carole Edmonds, Horace Mann principal, accepted a proclamation signed by Gov. Mel Carnahan which stated that Principals' Day is scheduled for March 3, 1999.

Principals' Day has been in effect for 10 years. Each year the governor signs a proclamation stating when Principals' Day will be celebrated.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will send out flyers to remind faculty and staff about the day.

In years past the faculty has recognized the school district's administration in the staff meeting which usually falls on the same date as Principals' Day.

"All of us, including myself, appreciate the recognition we get for a job well done," said Mike Jordan, Maryville High School assistant principal.

Edmonds was chosen to accept the award because she is the president of Missouri's Association of Elementary School Principals and the Missouri Council of School Administrators.



■ Carole Edmonds
...accepted Principal Day proclamation...

"It was an honor to be in the governor's house," she said.

Edmonds also spoke with northwest Missouri representatives and senators.

"It was very informative and it was a good time for us to share concerns..."

about Missouri students. Edmonds said. "We talked about deteriorating facilities, performance assessment and one of the main concerns is collective bargaining for state employees."

Maryville currently does not have collective bargaining or a teachers union and Edmonds thinks the current situation is best.

"I think it will create a rift between administrators and teachers," Edmonds said.

She is not alone; Republican Sen. Sam Graves and Republican Rep. Rex Barnett also oppose collective bargaining. However, Carnahan is in favor of the issue.

Interns learn to apply skills

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

College should provide students with an education to apply to their desired occupation after graduation. However, an internship gives students an extra edge on what it is like to actually be in the workplace.

Internships provide students the chance to try what they want to do for a career with no strings attached. They also give students the experience to become prepared for what lies ahead.

"Getting in the real world is very much different than learning from your professors," said Holly Cross, assistant director of Career Services. "Employers like internships because they can look for potential employees, and students can look to see if they really want to do a large or small corporation."

When looking for an internship there are three steps or areas of interest to keep in mind, Cross said. Know whether or not your interests are in a large or small corporation. Students also need to consider whether they want to work for a private or public business and where the want to be located demographically, she said.

The last step in looking for an 'internship' is the résumé which sells the student to employers.

"The sooner a student brings in their résumé, the better," Cross said. "We'll help go over the résumé. The résumé is something everyone needs to do, and we'll help step-by-step in helping critique their résumé."

Those who have had an internship say they can get a grasp on what they will be doing after graduation and learn about their career outside the classroom.

Many experiences can be acquired from becoming an intern for a company. Chris Stigall, broadcasting major, had an opportunity to do an internship for "The Late Show, with David Letterman," and said he would not change the experience for anything.

"I got a real sense on how big everything out there

Fast facts on internships

- Stay in close contact with your manager.
- Find a mentor.
- Inform your manager, mentor, and others of your accomplishments.
- An internship is a great opportunity to meet many people within the company. Take advantage of that opportunity.
- Sit in on meetings with senior management. Learn from the pros.
- Attend intern and office social events.
- Learn how to give a formal presentation and write a formal proposal.
- Take notes. This is expected and appears professional.
- Collect references before leaving the internship, and keep in touch with the office after leaving.

Source: <http://web.lwc.edu/administrative/career/INTNTP-1.htm>

Kaori Nagai / Graphics Editor

Students serve culture

The annual Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Conference center.

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SPORT SHOP

Assessment benefits Northwest financially

by Josh Flaherty
Chief Reporter

Since 1989, Northwest seniors have taken exams to chart the effectiveness of academic programs at the University.

Other Missouri schools have issued assessment exams for a number of years as well. Truman State University requires the exams and the University of Missouri-Columbia is discussing it as a possibility.

Most of the tests given at universities are taken by students who are approaching graduation.

The results of the Senior General Education Academic Profile affect the amount of state funding the University receives as part of the "Funding for Results" program.

They are also used to identify areas in the curriculum that need improvement.

"I think it's important to know the effect we have on our students," Dave Oehler, director of assessment, information and analysis, said.

The assessment tests have an impact on the school's reputation as well. High scores reflect positively

Student athletes educationally up to par

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

athletes maintain a 3.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Men's head basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer said there is a "close comparison" between the student athlete and the non-athlete academically.

He said a student's schedule impacts their academic success a great deal. Although the student athlete may be occupied with practices and games, the non-athlete may be occupied with a job or other activities.

"Student athletes are well disciplined and built to succeed," he said.

Redd credited the athletes and the training they've received in their ability to balance school and athletics.

"They have learned how to compete, how to budget their time, how to interact with others and they have developed the ability to accept disappointments, and yet get up

and bounce back," Redd said.

He also praised the coaches.

"Our coaches work with them," Redd said. "They are not only interested in their athletic performance, but their academic performance as well. They are interested in developing people physically, mentally, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We want a well-rounded person."

The Bearcats have not only been successful in their athletic performances, but the number of graduating athletes continues to increase, Redd said.

Athletes have been graduating at a higher rate than previous athletes in a comparative five year period, he said.

Several Northwest athletes have also moved on to more competitive surroundings educationally, Redd said.

"Athletics teaches you that you have to have courage enough to try," Redd said.

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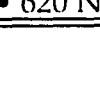
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Kip Kittens tumble for fun

Northwest students foster youths' social skills, gymnastic experience

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Those involved in Kip Kittens not only learn how to do flips, cartwheels and somersaults, but also how to balance both social and athletic skills.

Children from Maryville and neighboring towns are taking advantage of a community-based gymnastics program.

Kip Kittens, formerly known as Kinder Cats, provides children of all ages with the opportunity to gain gymnastics experience.

"A lot of parents like this because we don't compete and we don't travel," said Gina Scott, Kip Kittens coordinator. "The kids here try to get the basics without the families going into debt and spending their lives on the road."

Scott said the program costs \$20 to \$25 a month, which is half to one-third of what it would cost with other gymnastic programs.

The participating youth are not the only ones benefitting from the program. Northwest students majoring in elementary education or physical education also participate in the gymnastics training.

"Elementary majors or P.E. majors are getting hands-on teaching experience working with little kids," Scott said. "It's great for the community and it's great for the college."

Lloyd McCalla, Kip Kitten parent, praises the trainers. He said the Kittens have "exceptional teachers" who have valuable experience with gymnastics.

The young gymnasts benefit both physically and socially, said Marcia Evans, Kip Kitten parent.

"I think the kids here relate

really well to one another," Evans said. "It seems like they learn to encourage each other and take turns."

One parent saw the number of children as a benefit of the program.

"There's a lot of kids that come here from out of town, so that gives them the opportunity to make new friends," said Mark DeMott, Kip Kitten parent. "I think it helps improve their social lives."

The Kip Kittens are an enthusiastic bunch who seem to find fun in learning the basics of gymnastics. Beth-Ann McCalla, 11, has a passion for the sport.

"I went to Magic Gymnastics and when it closed down, I found out I really had a love for gymnastics," she said. "I found out I was good at it and that I wanted to do it again. So, my dad searched and he found this gymnastics."

Although Northwest's facilities are rented by Kip Kittens, the program itself is run by the parents of the children who attend. It is not affiliated with Northwest, meaning Kip Kittens receives no funding from the University. It is the parents who provide money for expenditures.

The Kip Kittens are preparing to entertain the Bearcat audience Feb. 17 at the basketball game in Bearcat Arena.

Kip Kittens' practice times
Ages 5 and above: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Monday and Wednesday in Martindale gym.
Under 5: 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Martindale gym.



The Kip Kittens gymnastics program had an eventful practice Wednesday night. Bobbi Stephenson uses her head not only mentally but physically while learning gymnastics skills.

Amy Jesse/Missourian Photographer

Dietary product aids weight loss, producers say

by Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

Dietary products attract people of all ages, genders and body types.

Metabolife 356, created 10 years ago by Michael Ellis, is an herbal product formulated to raise the body's metabolism, which, in turn, burns fat, not lean muscle tissue.

He devised the formula when his father was dying of bone marrow cancer.

Ellis wanted to help and started looking into herbal medicine to relieve his father's pain. The formula Ellis created helped his father feel more at ease before his death.



His father encouraged Ellis to market the product now known as Metabolife.

Metabolife is designed to aid people in reaching higher energy levels, which are not normally achieved while dieting.

This process is possible because of the formula's combination of ephedrine and caffeine.

Metabolife may be taken as a source of energy without losing

weight. Jennifer Mills, Metabolife distributor and user, takes the product simply for a boost.

"I don't really need to lose weight, but I get so much energy from it," Mills said. "I just like the energy it gives me and it does curb my appetite."

According to Metabolife, for the formula to work successfully, users need to follow instructions carefully.

Metabolife suggests taking pills one hour prior to meals.

Approximately one hour after taking the pills, one may experience an increase in energy along with a suppressed appetite.

Metabolife was designed to work

better when a person eats regularly. Metabolife recommends eating healthy, nutritious foods. Proteins, fruits, vegetables and lowfat or non-fat dairy products.

The two main components of Metabolife are guarana, which contains caffeine, and ma huang, which contains ephedrine.

Possible side effects include nausea, dizziness, lightheadedness or gas.

If symptoms occur, it is recommended to eat one serving of yogurt or comparable food within 10 minutes of taking the product.

Metabolife is sold through a network of distributors.

South Main may expand

by Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

South Main Street will soon be experiencing some changes.

The Maryville City Council has formed a committee to determine what needs to be done to South Main Street, said Matt Chesnut, assistant city manager and public works director.

The purpose of the committee is to look at putting in more streets. They will also be evaluating the water and sewer hookups for possible new businesses.

"The most immediate concern is what we need in terms of infrastructure," said Mayor Bridget Brown.

"We are concerned about the traffic congestion in that area," Brown said. "There is a lot of commercial development there."

Chesnut said he hopes to see Maryville grow commercially in the coming years.

"We feel if we can provide the

streets and lines, we can foster more growth," Chesnut said. "All commercial business is going that way. The possibility is there for more businesses."

City Council members cannot predict future developments, but said Maryville should be ready for anything.

"We always want to be prepared," Brown said. "We very much need to address the future development of the area. It is a matter of planning and wishing to meet the needs of the city. It is like the 'if you build it, they will come' idea. We are looking at what needs to be done now and for the future."

Members for the committee will be appointed at the next City Council meeting. The committee will have about 10 members and include the city manager, assistant city manager, water superintendent, street superintendent, sewer superintendent, fire protection and four to five community members.

Groundhog, monk at odds over spring

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Bye bye winter and hello spring. Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who resides in Punxsutawney, Pa., did not see his shadow Tuesday, Groundhog Day, signaling spring is just around the corner.

Groundhog Day started as a religious event during the fourth century. It is based on the observation that animals, such as groundhogs, come out of hibernation around Feb. 2, said Brother Damian, Conception Abbey monk.

According to tradition, if the animals do not see their shadows because of overcast skies, spring is not far off.

Overcast skies are a sign of warmth and moisture in the air, a good indication that spring is soon to come, Brother Damian said.

The groundhog's predictions are correct approximately 60 percent of the time, according to ABC news.

Phil is not the only one who makes weather predictions people rely on. Damian has been making weather predictions for years.

"Brother Damian's predictions are usually pretty close. I go by them instead of the news," said Henry Werten, Conception Seminary College student.

Damian, a former Northwest student, bases his predictions on daily, early morning observations. He



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Brother Damian is a weather enthusiast at Conception Abbey.

publishes his predictions about every other day and posts them at the Abbey.

Brother Damian disagrees with Phil's predictions.

"I think the rest of winter could be very erratic," he said. "We could get a big snow."

So far, this winter has been average, Damian said. The area received about five inches of snow and experienced five sub-zero days last month. He said this is normal for January.

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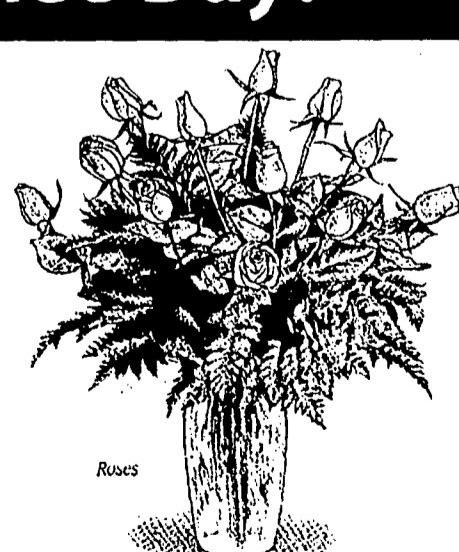
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Announcements

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, Jan. 26

■ An officer issued a summons to Jeffery R. Vangundy, 27, Quiltman, for assault following an incident in the 1600 block of East First Street in which an Overland Park, Kan., male had reported he had been assaulted.

■ An officer took a report from a local business that a male subject had rented a VCR and three movies and has failed to return them. Estimated loss valued at \$509.85. They also reported another male subject had rented a Nintendo 64 machine and two games and has not returned them. Estimated loss valued at \$355.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his Wilson 5000 antenna and a K-40 magnet mount from his vehicle while parked in the 900 block of South Main Street. Estimated loss valued at \$110.

■ An officer was on patrol when he observed a vehicle make a prohibited left turn at Fourth and Main streets. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Brandy L. Allen, 19, Lincoln, Neb. While talking with her an odor of marijuana was detected. After a search of the vehicle revealed a green leafy substance, she was arrested for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and an illegal turn. She was released after posting bond.

■ William A. New, Maryville, was westbound on Lincoln Street. He attempted to turn onto Walnut Street and, due to slick conditions, was unable to complete the turn and slid into a utility pole. No citations were issued.

Thursday, Jan. 28

■ An officer responded to the 500 block of West Fifth Street on a peace disturbance complaint. Upon arrival contact was made with the occupant, Dovelle M. Kriegel, 20. She granted the officer permission to search her residence. During the search drug paraphernalia was found. Kriegel was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and released after posting bond.

■ Deloris I. Eickholt, Maryville, was northbound on North Market Street and turned in front of Christina A.

Twaddell, southbound on North Market Street. No citations were issued.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been assaulted by a male subject.

Friday, Jan. 29

■ A 1983 Buick was towed from the 100 block of East Sixth Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Brooke L. Bartels, 22, Maryville, was arrested for larceny following an incident at a local business in which a shirt was taken without being paid for. She was released after posting bond. Estimated loss valued at \$20.

■ An officer issued a summons to Luke D. Edick, 17, Barnard, for minor in possession after an alcoholic beverage was found in his possession.

■ A Maryville male reported being assaulted by another male subject.

ing to the driver, Todd A. Morrison, 20, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. Morrison was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville female reported she was northbound on North Fillmore Street at West Fifth Street and observed two males waiting to cross the intersection. She stated she let them cross and when they walked by her vehicle, one of the subjects kicked her car several times on the passenger side rear door, damaging it.

■ An officer took a report of the theft of two bicycles from the 500 block of West Davison Square. The bikes are described as silver Huffy flatbeds trick bikes with pegs on the back wheels. Estimated loss valued at \$260.

■ Two officers received permission to search a vehicle. During the search, alcoholic beverages were found and Jared D. McAndrew, 18, Bellevue, Neb., was arrested for minor in possession. He was released after posting bond.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle driving over the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Erik T. Hilt, 25, Liberty. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. Hilt was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed to successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Vickie R. Newton, Maryville, was southbound on North Market Street and struck Jeffrey M. Meyer when he made a left turn onto East Fourth Street in front of her. A citation was issued to Meyer for careless and imprudent driving.

Saturday, Jan. 30

■ While on patrol, an officer observed three males fighting in the 400 block of North Buchanan Street. The fight was broken up and summons for affray were issued to Mark A. Pederson, 20, Maryville; Ryan B. Kinsella, 22, Maryville; and Chad M. Holthouse, 23, Kearney. They were all released after posting bond.

■ An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign at West Seventh and North Walnut streets. The vehicle was stopped and while talking with the driver, Christina T. Lolli, 19, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. Lolli was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle travelling west in the eastbound lane of traffic. He stopped the vehicle and while talk-

■ An officer observed a vehicle in the 200 block of East Fourth Street without its headlights illuminated. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Brooke L. Bartels, 22, Maryville. While talking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. Bartels was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she failed to successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for driving with illuminated headlights.

■ Officers responded to the 500 block of West 11th Street on a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival contact was made with the occupant, Michael W. Berls, 24, and while talking with him an odor of marijuana was detected. Following a search of the residence drug paraphernalia was found and Berls was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported that two hubcaps from the passenger side of his vehicle had been removed. They were described as having the Chrysler emblem in the center portion, and are metal and silver in color. The incident occurred while his vehicle was parked at his residence. Estimated loss valued at \$600.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of a formal dress from her residence. It was described as a floor-length black satin dress with sequins covering the top half of it. Loss valued at \$75.

■ Keisaka Kamata, Maryville, turned onto East College Avenue and into the path of Barbara B. Thomas, Maryville, who was westbound on East College Avenue. A citation was issued to Kamata for

failure to yield and improper registration.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

■ An officer observed a vehicle in the 700 block of West Seventh Street cross into the oncoming lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Aaron J. Hunerdosse, 22, Milo, Iowa. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed to successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Monday, Feb. 1

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his green and blue GT 12-speed mountain bike from his residence. Estimated loss valued at \$300.

■ David A. Sickman, Maryville, and Joshua M. McQuinn, Bethany, were northbound in the 400 block of South Main Street. McQuinn stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by Sickman. A citation was issued to Sickman for failure to maintain the highest degree of care.

■ Melissa D. Peterson, Maryville, was parked on the north side of the 500 block of West Fourth Street. Chad R. Johnson, Maryville, was westbound on West Fourth Street and as he passed Peterson, Peterson pulled from her parking space and struck Johnson. A citation was issued to Peterson for failure to yield.

■ A Maryville male reported someone had tampered with his vehicle while it was parked at his residence. Person(s) had entered the vehicle, but nothing was missing or disturbed.

■ Stephen M. Jackson, Clearmont, and Adam J. Adwell, Maryville, were both northbound in the 100 block of South Main Street. Adwell stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by Jackson. A citation was issued to Jackson for failure to yield to a stopped vehicle.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

■ A Maryville female reported the battery from her vehicle had been stolen while the vehicle was parked at her residence.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus Safety reports are unavailable from the Campus Safety Department due to a computer error.

NEW ARRIVALS
William Tiery Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hall, Grant City, are the parents of William Tiery Hall, born Jan. 25 at St. Francis Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins one brother, Benjamin D. Hull, and one sister, Jessica Jean Hall.

His grandparents are Vicki Vincent Yates, Skidmore; Todd Yates, Grant City; James Pridaux Hall, Bakersfield, Calif.; and Karen Stevens Glenn, Cretin, Iowa.

His great-grandparents are Sunny Yates, Grant City; and Mary Kimberling, Leon, Iowa.

Jessica Danielle Hutson

Mark and Cheryl Hutson, Conception Junction, are the parents of Jessica Danielle Hutson, born Jan. 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one sister, Shalissa, and one brother, Joseph.

Her grandparents are Don and Judy Evans, Springfield; and Joe and Carol Huston, Maryville.

Her great-grandparents are Bonnie Cook, Chula; Elaine Donahue, Maryville; and Bertha Lee, Maryville.

Her great-great-grandmother is Okie Phillips, Chula.

Weston Reign Carter

Jason and Sharla Carter, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Weston Reign Carter, born Jan. 29 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds and joins four siblings, Matthew, Jeffery, Brandon and Tyler Whittington.

His grandparents are Roger and Connie Goff, Burlington Junction, and Joe and Sheryl Carter, Burlington Junction.

His great-grandparents are Mary Ann Farrans, Burlington Junction;

Wilma Goff, Burlington Junction; Wilson and Imogene Carter, Maryville; and Ethel Emery, Beatrice, Neb.

OBITUARIES
Velda David

Velda Dean Garner David, 70, Maryville, died Jan. 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, to Willis and Jessie Law in Holt County. She is survived by three daughters, Grace Veach, Terry Messick and Vicki Cook; five brothers, J. B., Arnold, Ernest, Chester and Ronald Law; two sisters, Luella Dorman and Jenevieve Talbot; nieces and nephews; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were 2 p.m. Friday at the Laura Street Baptist Church in Maryville. Burial was at the Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

Susa Maxwell

Susa Jane Maxwell, 92, Parnell, died Jan. 31 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 26, 1907, to Arlie and Martha Sanders in Pine. She is survived by four daughters, Maye Crenshaw, Jean Adams, Mary Maxwell and Shirley Shoemaker; three sons, Charles, Edward Jr. and Clay; one brother, Ed Sanders; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Parnell Methodist Church in Parnell. Burial was at the Grant City Cemetery in Grant City.

Ethel Musick

Ethel Marie Musick, 86, Hopkins, died Feb. 1 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Nov. 7, 1912, to Levi and Jamie Foster in Sheridan.

She is survived by one daughter, Marjorie McNeese; one step-daughter, Jean Cordell; one son, Larry; one step-son, Marvin; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Graveside services are at 1:30 p.m. today at the Luteson Cemetery in Sheridan.

Kathryn Frueh

Kathryn Stout Frueh, 65, Sheridan, died Feb. 2 at her home.

She was born Jan. 14, 1934, to Virgil and Leona Stout in Lewiston, Mont.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; five daughters, Cindy Sheets, Linda Schieber, Janet Young, Marlene Florea and JoAnn Shipp; four sons, David, Dennis, Kelly and Kevin; two brothers, Don and Dean Stout; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Parnell.

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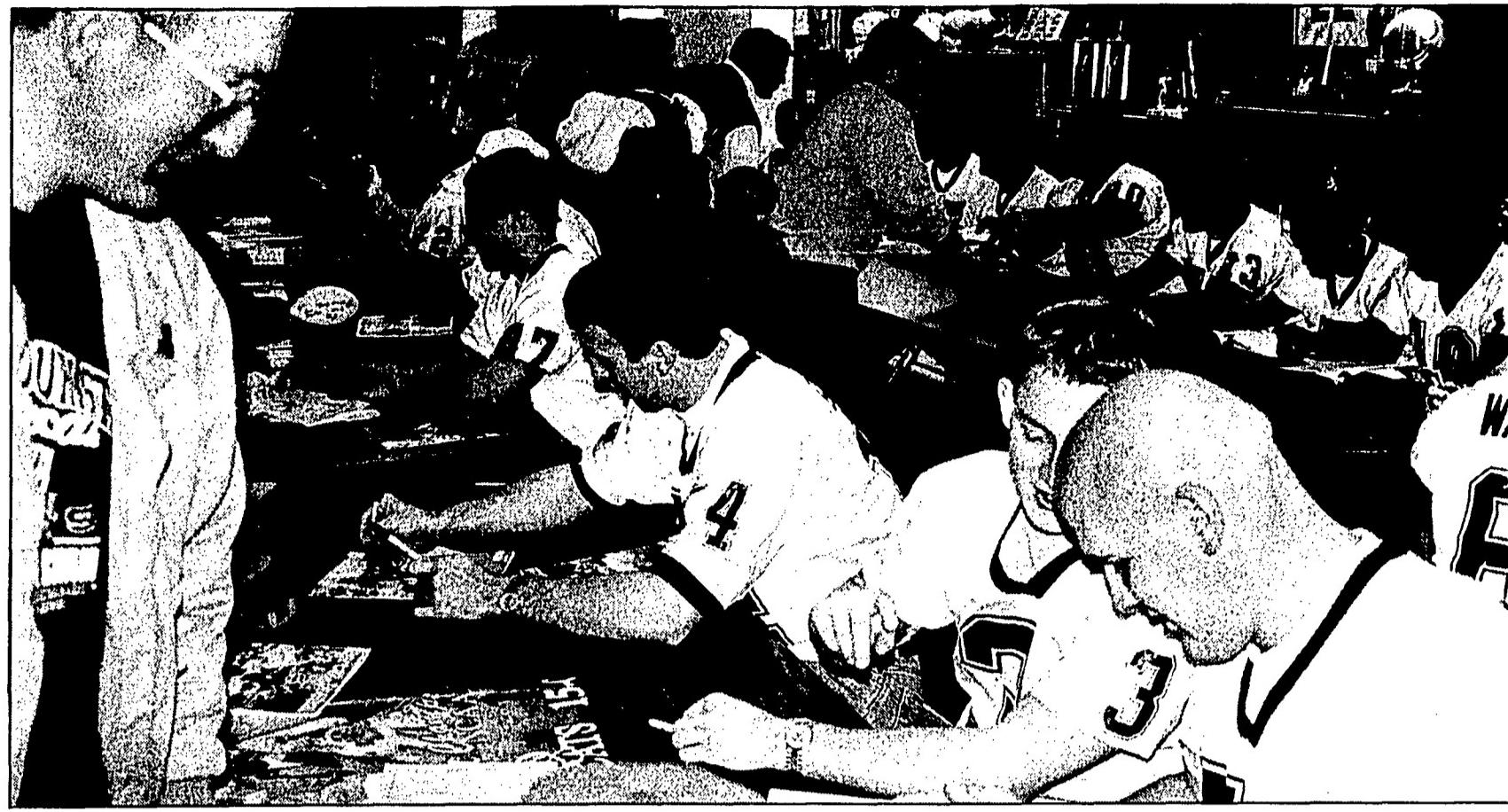
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The Bearcat football players spent three hours Saturday signing autographs for students and community members. Other activities included the presentation of the championship trophies during halftime of the men's basketball game.

John Petrovich/Chief Photographer



Champions celebrate

Over 2,000 fans packed Bearcat Arena Saturday evening to honor Northwest's national championship football team during halftime of the men's and women's basketball games. On Sunday afternoon, an estimated 1,000 fans poured into Bearcat Arena for the second part of the Celebration Weekend.

"It was a very positive experience," athletic director Jim Redd said. "It was a way for us to say thank you to the students, faculty and alumni for all of their support—not only this year, but through all of the years."

The celebration kicked off Sat-

urday afternoon when fans flooded the lobby of Bearcat Arena for an autograph session with the players. Many fans brought hats, shirts and footballs to be autographed, while commemorative posters, newspapers, magazines and footballs could also be purchased.

About 650 people attended a tailgate party at the conference center Sunday before fans arrived at Bearcat Arena to cap off the championship season. A highlight video was shown and the captains addressed the crowd.

The highlight video will be sold at basketball games for \$30 and proceeds will defray the cost of the team's championship rings. Fans can also purchase the cassette tape of "Bearcats in 'Bama" for \$5 from the cheerleaders.

During halftime of the men's

basketball game, Tjeerdsma addressed the crowd and the captains displayed the championship trophies to the fans.

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Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma embraces senior safety Brian Sutton during Sunday's activities of Northwest's Celebration Weekend.



Crowd falls short, basketball teams split

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by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

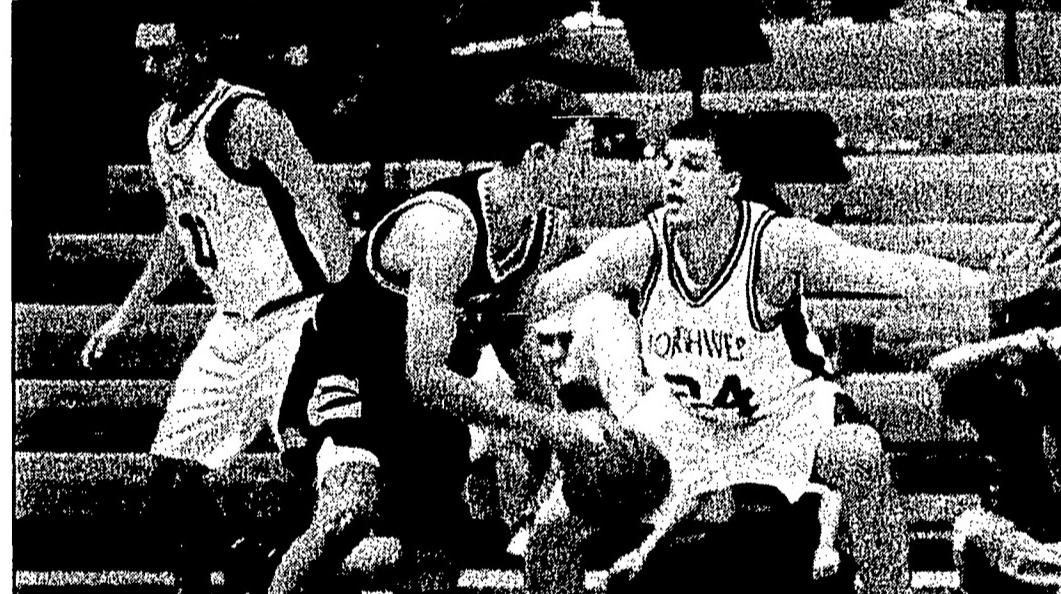
Northwest survived another comeback attempt Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena and took its third straight conference win via Emporia State University.

After taking a 33-22 halftime lead, the 'Cats were stung by a Hornets' 13-2 run which gave Emporia State a brief lead, 38-37. However, the 'Cats roared back by hitting six of seven three-point attempts in the second half and took a 75-61 victory.

For the 'Cats, it was the second straight game in which they had to fight off a comeback bid. Monday night, Central Missouri State University whittled away at the 'Cats lead with a barrage of three-pointers, but the 'Cats escaped with a win. In addition, the home crowd of an estimated 700 people was no advantage for the 'Cats.

"I was proud of my guys for fighting through it," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I've been there as a player and a bunch of times as a coach. That was an awfully emotional game we took from Central Monday night and with the short turnaround we had one real light practice Tuesday, and then we have to come out against a team that really has nothing to lose."

"They come out here and play you tough, and what we rely on is getting in here and having a packed house to give you some energy and our crowd sucked. We have some of our great fans that show up every night, but, for whatever reason, we didn't get that. So we told our players at halftime, 'Hey, you're going to have to supply that yourself.' You can't count on anyone else to sup-



Junior guard Phil Simpson blocks the path of an Emporia State University player during Wednesday night's game at Bearcat Arena. Defense was key for Northwest to win the game, 75-61.

ply that energy, so I was proud of our guys."

Northwest got a balanced scoring effort with four players in double figures. Senior guards Maurice Huff and Marcus Glenn led the charge with 17 points each.

Huff was a key contributor to the 'Cats victory, hitting five of seven shots from behind the three-point arc. In addition to making two steals.

"I'm really happy to see him doing that," Tappmeyer said. "I think a lot of what Maurice was going through was some confidence things. In the last two or three games he's played pretty well. He really got things going and it looked like he really started playing with some confidence again and got some big buckets. So he's really capable of doing that."

Glenn, who has also struggled, played a key factor in the game defensively, taking

two steals and making a block.

Also scoring in double figures were senior forward LeVant Williams and junior guard Phil Simpson with 10 points each.

Tappmeyer was also impressed with the way Williams stepped up his play.

"I got him on the bench and yelled at him for awhile and talked to him for awhile," Tappmeyer said. "He's really grown up as a player because there was a time where he had been done for the night. But he went back in the game and made some big plays to bring this thing out."

In the first half, Northwest jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but the Hornets stayed close.

Then senior guard Mike Morley hit a three-pointer with under three minutes to go in the first half and gave the 'Cats a 10-point, 30-20 lead. Northwest kept its momentum be-

fore time ran out in the half when the Hornets took off on a fast break, but junior guard Kareem Preston caught up to it and blocked the layup attempt allowing the 'Cats to take a 33-22 lead into the break.

"I think our guys came out at halftime with the lead and maybe thought, 'We're OK,'" Tappmeyer said. "Emporia State is a little short handed as far as just the athletes they put on the floor, but they execute well. They can shoot the three well and they don't have much for players. They just come out and they play them very hard. It was a scary deal since it was a game where our players felt kind of like I did where we ought to win this one."

Northwest improved its record to 15-6 overall and 6-5 in the MIAA. The 'Cats will be in action against Missouri Southern State College at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.



Mike Ransdell/Photography Editor
Emporia State junior guard Jennifer Perine left the game bloodied after trying to set a screen on a Bearcat.

Hornets defeat women

by Shannon Ross
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats tipped off a game against Emporia State University Wednesday and fell short with a 78-58 loss.

Junior center Denise Sump led the team with 15 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Linda Mattson contributed 12 points and junior guard Liza Gualandi added eight.

Head coach Wayne Winstead thought the team played well the first half.

"We came out focused and ready to play at the start despite the pressure," Winstead said. "Our troubles began when we lost our focus in the second half and began to play tentative."

The Northwest women's basketball team took on the Central Missouri State University Jennies Monday night in Warrensburg. The Bearcats suffered a 64-52 loss after being outscored 34-25 in the second half.

The 'Cats trailed by three at the half, 30-27, but could not pull off the win in the second half.

Sump led the team with 16 points. Freshman guard Amanda Winter had 13 and Mattson added 10.

However, the Bearcats headed into Monday night's game with some confidence after winning Saturday night's game.

Winstead said he is focusing on the good teamwork shown against Central.

"We played good team ball in the first half, but missed some notches in the second half," Winstead said. "Turnovers are what hurt us most, and when you play like Central, you cannot do that."

The 'Cats broke their five game losing streak Saturday night after beating Lincoln University 73-46.

Sump led the team with 18 points and Mattson held the team high with 11 rebounds which contributed to the team's victory. Also, Winter and junior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Next up for the 'Cats is a matchup against Missouri Southern State College at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at home.

Indoor track team looks to Mule Relays, will face conference competition

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

What could be a tough meet is on the agenda for the men's and women's indoor track teams, but this week the 'Cats will face off against mostly conference competition, at the CMSU Mule Relays Saturday in Warrensburg.

Between 18 and 20 teams will compete at the meet, including many MIAA schools, which the 'Cats will be facing for the first time.

Rich Alsup, men's head coach, said the meet will serve as a measurement for where the team stands among conference competition.

"It will give us an idea of what to work on and let us see more realistically what's going on within the conference," Alsup said. "Central Missouri State features the best pole vaulter in Division I and II and Missouri Southern is said to have the best high jumper in Division I and II."

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Women continue to improve

With high performances behind

them, the Northwest women are looking to attain the next level of performance as they head into the Mule Relays Saturday.

The meet is the next in the women's progression this year Vicki Wootton, women's head coach, said.

"We are getting stronger and that's our goal," Wootton said. "This will be our first real test of the season and will give us a good indication of what we need to work on going into conference."

Wootton said despite displaying

strong performances against tough competition, the women have a long way to go.

"We are behind where we need to be at this point in the season," she said. "There are some events that we are OK in, but many that need work."

And we are continuing to work on getting quicker, longer and stronger in practice. We will have to continue to improve each week to be competitive in conference and our goal is to be in the top three in conference."

WEEKLY PLANNER

FEB. 4-10



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Southern	7:30
Wednesday	Pitt State	7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Southern	5:30
Wednesday	Pitt State	5:30

INDOOR TRACK

Saturday	CMSU Mule's Relay, Warrensburg	
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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Thursday	Benton	5:00
Monday	Chillicothe	5:00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Friday	Benton	5:00
Tuesday	Chillicothe	5:00

WRESTLING

Saturday	District Tournament	11 a.m.
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All times are p.m. unless noted.
Home games are bold.

WHERE WE STAND

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	MIAA	Overall
W	W	L
Pitt State (5)	10	0
Mo. West (17)	10	1
Washburn	7	5
Truman	5	4
Northwest	6	5
Mo. Southern	5	5
Central	5	7
Lincoln	3	7
SBU	3	8
Rolla	3	8
Emporia	2	9
	10	11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	MIAA	Overall
W	W	L
Emporia (10)	10	1
Mo. West (12)	9	2
SBU	8	3
Truman (15)	6	3
Pitt State	7	3
Washburn	7	5
Central	6	6
Northwest	3	8
Rolla	2	9
Mo. Southern	1	9
Lincoln	0	10
	10	16

SPORTS SHORTS

Softball to hold clinic

Area girls age 9 through high school seniors are invited to sharpen their softball skills and prepare for play this spring and summer at the Northwest Winter Softball Clinic.

The clinics are slated for Sunday and Feb. 14. Instruction will be provided by Northwest head softball coach Pam Knox, her staff and players. Joining the instruction staff this year are Shannon Nichols, who pitched for the Golden West College national champion teams from 1977-1978 and is a pitching consultant for the Bearcat softball pitching staff, and Alan Estoesta, who is currently the head softball coach at Cal State University-Dominguez Hills.

Coaches and parents are encouraged to attend and observe at no extra charge. The fee is \$35 for each clinic. Contact the Northwest softball office at 562-1783 for more information.

Bearcats sign spiker</h4

'Hounds cagers continue winning streak

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Two more bit the dust against the Maryville boys basketball team in the past week with victories last Friday at home against the Falls City, Neb. Tigers, 77-44, and a conference win Tuesday at Savannah, 59-46.

The 'Hounds who never trailed in the game against the Savages are on an 11-game winning streak that started during Christmas break against Park Hill in the William Jewell Tournament.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said the team came into the game wanting to pick up the first of four straight road conference games and control things on both ends of the court.

"We were able to move the ball around on offense which enabled us to make good, sharp decisions all night," Kuwitzky said.

Senior postman Ryan Morley led all scorers with 16 points in the game while senior guard Dan Walter scored 11 points.

"We pulled together as a team to win this game and with the participation of everybody we were able to win," Walter said.



**Maryville 59
Savannah 46**

TOP SCORERS

Maryville: Ryan Morley, 16
Savannah: Nate Spear, 14

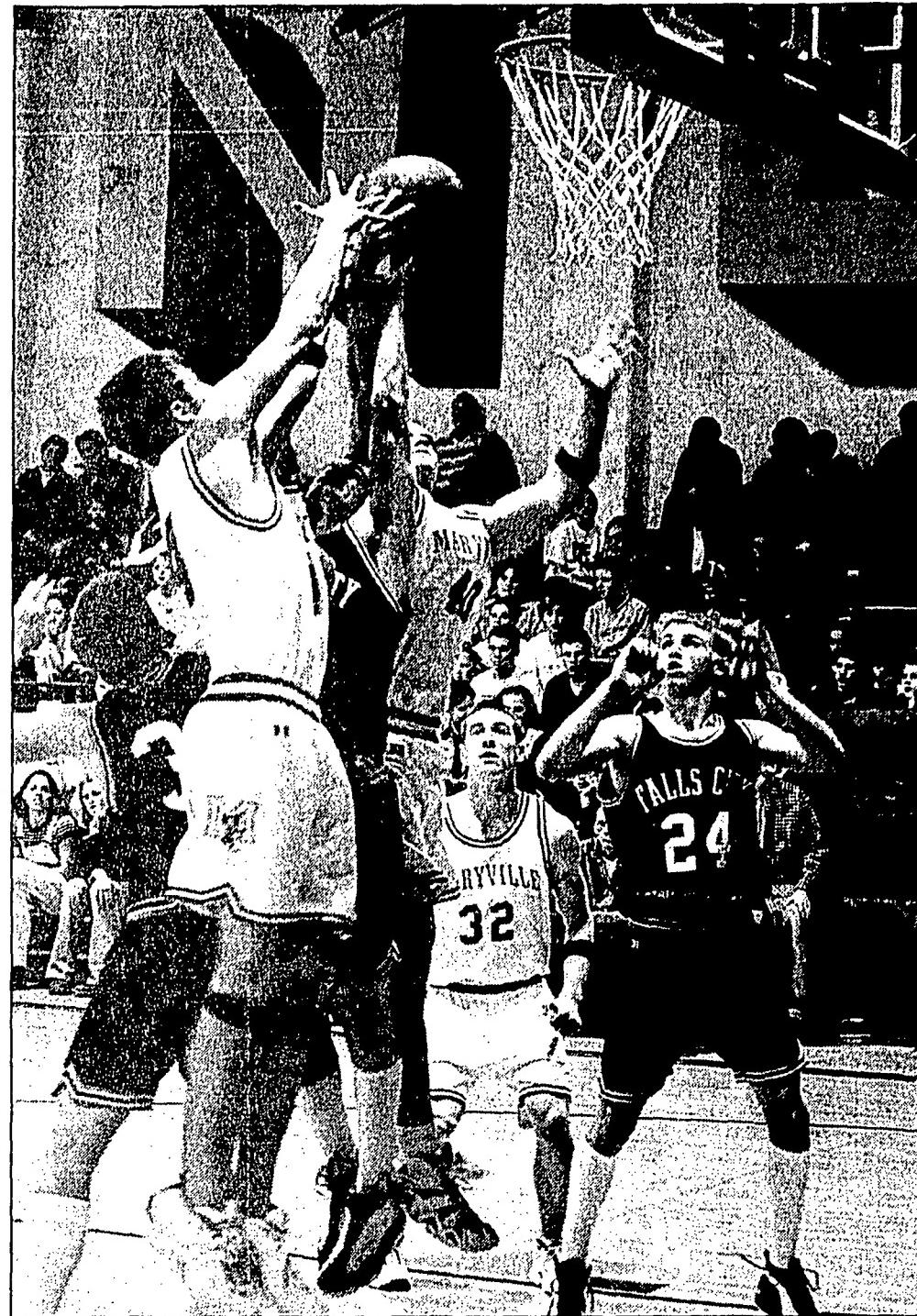
Kuwitzky said the game was a growing experience for the team because it enabled the players to play a conference road game and get a sense of hostility.

"To get this victory was great, but to get it on the road was even better because it allows us to experience what it is like to play on the road in the tough atmosphere of the conference," he said.

Conference play continues for the 'Hounds at 8 p.m. Thursday with a road game against St. Joseph Benton.

"Another tough road game that will be a great game because we did beat them earlier in the year, but it was by only one point and it was in Maryville," Kuwitzky said.

Walter said the team should be able to perform well because of the way things are coming together.



Jennifer Meyer/photography Editor

Seniors Ryan Morley and Mike Nanninga try to grab a rebound from a Falls City, Neb., player last Friday in the 'Hounds 77-44 victory over the Tigers. The 'Hounds also won Tuesday night to push their winning streak to 11 games and will travel to St. Joseph Benton Thursday night.

put in a good effort after the first quarter.

"I thought we played fairly well as a team," Lade said. "We played more as a team this game than in the past and I hope the experience will benefit us."

The next opposition for Maryville will be the team's second conference game and Homecoming against the Benton Lady Cardinals with tip-off at 8 p.m. Friday in Maryville.

"Benton has one conference loss which was also to Savannah meaning the loser will probably be out of the conference race, so you know it will be a dog fight," Martin said.

Lade said a good advantage for the 'Hounds is that both teams have competed earlier in the season with the victory going to Maryville.

"We have played them once this year and know how they play just like they know how we play, so we'll have to play them real tough to pick up the victory," she said.

**Maryville 42
Savannah 56**

TOP SCORERS

Maryville: Dana Lade, 13
Savannah: Kim Campbell, 16; Shannon Overby, 16

Maryville was able to fight back in the second half and compete with Savannah, but the Lady Savages fought the 'Hounds off by picking up defensively and making some quick three-pointers.

"Getting down 14-1 was what really hurt us because the girls were excited about playing the game and wanted to do well, but the Lady Savages were prepared as well," he said.

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"It's tough to get behind Savannah, by 13 or more points and try to make a comeback," Martin said. "We just kept fighting them trying to make up for the first quarter."

Sophomore point guard Dana Lade, who led the 'Hounds with 13 points, said the team

ON THE SIDELINES
Broncos fans scar Bowl win



■ **Mark Hornickel**

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1,000 fans emptied the bars and poured into the streets starting bonfires and setting off firecrackers in "celebration" of the championship.

Since when is destruction classified as celebration?

Drunken revelers stuffed special edition newspapers into traffic cones, lit them on fire and then marched through the streets carrying the cones like torches.

Meanwhile, other vandals tore down traffic signs and used them to break glass windows. They set newspaper boxes and dumpsters on fire and overturned cars. The vandals even wore gas masks in order to withstand any tear gas.

One fan was quoted as saying, "People have to celebrate. This was Elway's last game!"

You gotta be kidding me.

And some people, including myself, thought Northwest's fans had reacted badly on the Saturday afternoon that the Bearcats beat Texas A&M University-Kingsville for the right to go to Florence.

The crazy part is that Denver police supposedly prepared for this year's predicted melee by meeting with area business owners and practicing crowd-control techniques.

Last year, about 30,000 fans crowded into the city's downtown and trashed it after the Broncos won their first Super Bowl. But this year's idiots, who were described as "younger and meaner" created much more damage.

One Denver official described the scene as following the path of a tornado; the damage is estimated to be \$180,000.

Police arrested 20 people and 32 people were treated at Denver Health Medical Center for exposure to tear gas. Even two children were hurt and remain in serious condition because of head and internal injuries.

And it wasn't in just Denver either. Violence occurred all over the state of Colorado. I don't know if fans are still bitter about the Bearcats' defeat of Northern Colorado University in the Division II football playoffs or what but fans in Greeley, Colo., also rioted and pelted police with rocks and bottles.

We ridicule players for mistakes they make off the field of play — Lawrence Taylor, Latrell Sprewell, Lenny Dykstra and Eugene Robinson are a few. But year after year fans scar thrilling victories with destructive behavior.

The only way to describe my feelings about the whole thing is that it makes me sick. I just don't understand why fans are compelled to be so destructive after an event so exciting as winning a Super Bowl Championship. If anybody has any idea, please send me an e-mail or something and explain this phenomenon to me.

Until then I will wonder why people continue to ruin moments that should be memories to savor for a lifetime.

Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian

Spoofhound grapplers tangle with Savannah

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Things have heated up on the mats for the Maryville wrestling team after a conference victory Tuesday against the Savannah Savages, 47-32, to close out the season before districts.

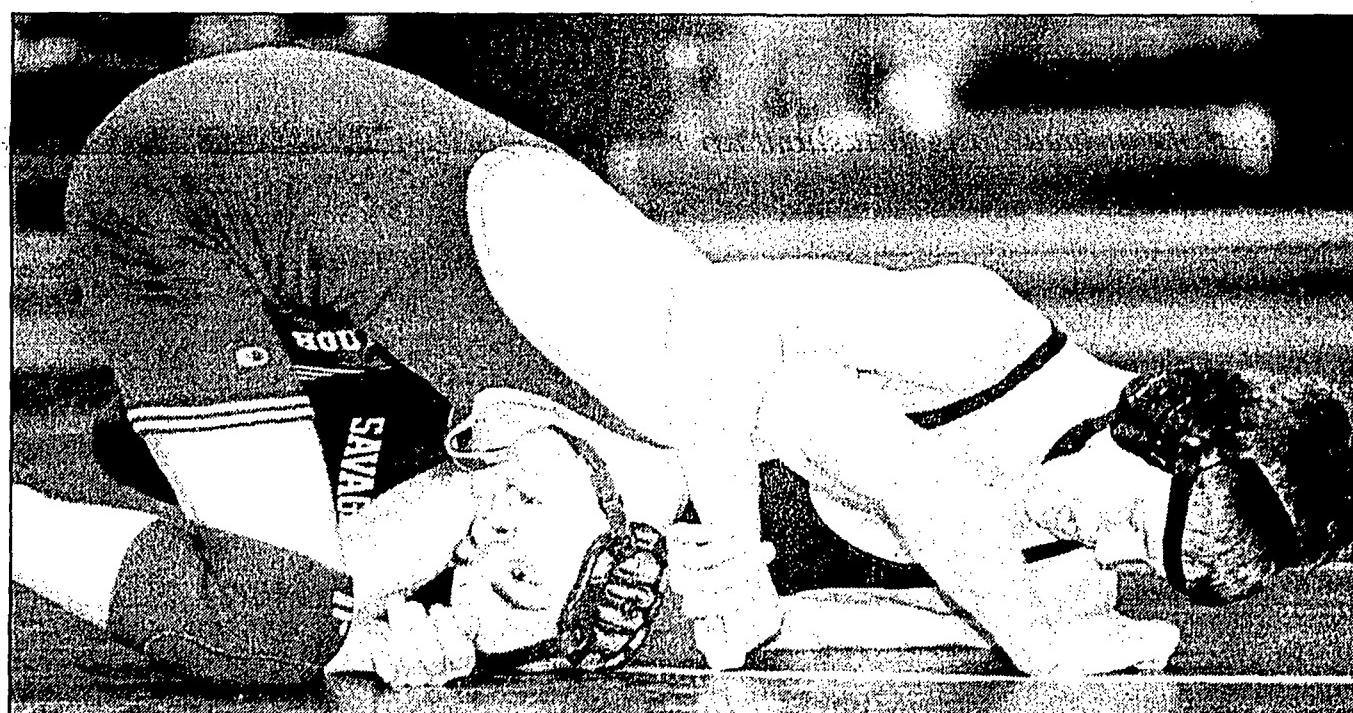
"The team has progressed positively more and more each week," head coach Joe Drake said. "Even with several changes to the lineup the guys were able to go out and produce."

Freshman Brandon Hall (103 lbs.) began the match with a pin in a time of 1:19.

The Spoofhounds were able to win the next two weight classes by forfeit to jump out to an early 18-0 lead.

Freshman Ken Hanna (125 lbs.) was able to pin his opponent in 3:42 before Maryville forfeited the next match which cut the lead to 24-6.

**Maryville 47
Savannah 32**



Maryville freshman Ken Hanna fights his way out of a hold put on him by Savannah's Devin Steele. Hanna went on to pin Steele during the 'Hounds 47-32 win over the Savages Tuesday night.

Mike Ransdell/Photography Editor

Hounds freshman Kurt Lehleitner (135 lbs.) was defeated in a 17-2 decision.

Next senior D.J. Merrill pinned his opponent in a time of 3:25. Merrill was happy with his and the team's effort in getting the home victory.

"It was real important to pick up this victory tonight because the Savages thought they could come in and beat us," Merrill said. "We, as a team, did not want to allow this and we didn't."

Jake Lancaster (145 lbs.) was pinned in the second round of his

match while junior Eric Beacom (152 lbs.) was able to continue the dominance for Maryville when he pinned his opponents in 46 seconds.

Beacom said he was intensified by the way the 'Hounds were able to win their final conference match of the year.

"This was one of the most important matches of the season because it played a vital role for everyone to go out on a good note into districts," Beacom said.

The 'Hounds were able to expand the lead to 47-17 when senior

Jason Small (160 lbs.) was able to win his match, 19-4 and Tom Bailey (171 lbs.) pinned his opponent in a time of 1:02.

"We were really pumped up tonight to beat Savannah," Small said. "This was a tremendous confidence booster for the remainder of the year."

Savannah was able to close out the scoring on the evening in the final three matches, beginning when sophomore Jesse Reed (189 lbs.) lost 12-6. The Savages took the next round in a forfeit and Noah Bonde was pinned to finish things.

The 'Hounds also played host to the Quad State Tournament last weekend and finished fourth out of 10 teams.

In individual action, Merrill placed first, while Dredge placed second. Hanna and Beacom placed third, while Hall, Lancaster and Reed placed fourth.

"This is the end of the season and we have to wrestle our best from now on because if you lose you are out," Drake said.

The 'Hounds will compete against seven other teams in districts starting at 11 a.m. Saturday in Maryville.



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THE STROLLER

Your Man offers bomb threat tips



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Location, timing, surprise: missed elements for disaster

I'm sure you've heard by now that last Friday a bomb threat was called into Roberta Hall. However, this moron needs some severe help with his execution.

Hey, Idiot, just a couple of bomb threat tips the next time you want to play "wild-eyed Iraqi."

Tip No. 1: Pick a prominent building on campus, like the Administration Building, or maybe Owens Library. If properly executed, you'll get cash out of the deal and perhaps some news coverage.

Tip No. 2: When placing a bomb threat, timing is everything. The big hootenanny last weekend in Bearcat Arena would have been perfect. You could have saved many folks the embarrassing desire to run out screaming if they had to sit through one more person on the microphone declaring why they too love the Bearcat football team. Of all the possible times this call could have been placed, why Friday afternoon, Cletus? Who's around then?

Tip No. 3: After making the threat, don't call in and tell the authorities who you are. This greatly limits the elements of surprise and fear.

Follow these simple tips and you too can successfully orchestrate a bomb threat.

Meanwhile, hats off to the crackerjack mounties we know as Campus Safety. If, in fact, there was a bomb, everyone near Roberta would be dead. Andy and Barney promptly evacuated Roberta, then half heartedly, some hour and 15 minutes later, thought it would be a good idea to evacuate the surrounding buildings. I've been told that officers were shouting "Just wait over in the Student Union."

Here's my theory: Clarence Green and the boys needed practice, and the Union had Gummy Bears that were going bad on Saturday.

Speaking of this weekend, could there be any more hype surrounding a single event? The commercials, the parties, the pregame shows — and then there was the

Super Bowl. Everyone in GALTAN was on pins and needles waiting to see what Cher was wearing. Let's not forget Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Stevie Wonder and Gloria Estefan. It's the "Sort of Hip, Never Was and Has Been Show." These halftime shows are getting lazier than this column. The only thing that would have made the show more entertaining is if the cast of Beverly Hills 90210 sang a Bon Jovi hit while doing the Macarena.

Walt a minute, isn't that a CAPs show for next fall? Sorry.

Now for some short notes I made this weekend. You may remember last week when I made the comment that computers do nothing for the average person's life.

Let me just say that I've never been more wrong. The Victoria's Secret fashion show, seen live over the Internet Wednesday night, could not have been possible without the help of that fine piece of technology. I, and all the lonely men of Dieterich Hall, would like to say "Thank you, computer geeks, one and all!"

What's going on with the billboard on West Fourth and South Buchanan streets? It's an add for KQTV channel 2 news. Drive by and see what I'm talking about. Tasha Emmons' head looks like a warped 2-by-4. Furthermore, why is the ad there? Is their new target audience the two or three drunken yokels who nap at the little tables in ASAP? Well, in fairness, we are talking about St. Joseph.

And finally, if you flip on Channel 9 this week you'll see they're begging for resident assistants on campus. I can't imagine why they'd be so desperate for help. With all the sweetness and tact the Residential Life coordinators possess, along with the swinging social life the warden allow you to have, who wouldn't be in line for an application.

The Stroller has been a Northwest tradition since 1918 and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKEND WEATHER WATCH

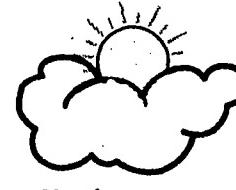
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Saturday, Feb. 6

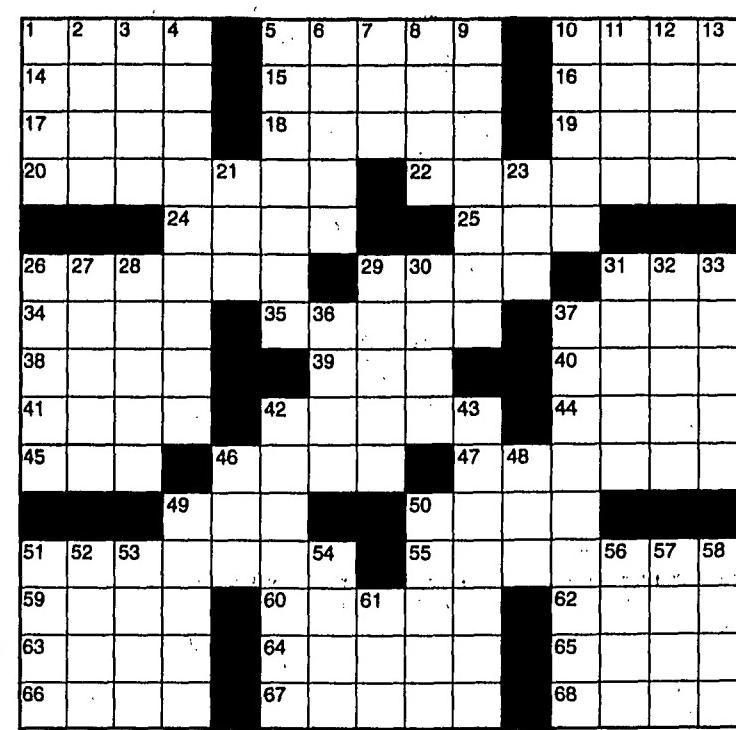
Partly sunny
High of 47°; low of 30°

Sunday, Feb. 7

Mostly sunny
High of 56°; low of 34°

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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